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today's visitors

SOUTH MELBOURNE

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It was two seasons ago South Melbourne played Manchester United.

They lost that day (3-1) but they weren't disgraced. But that's the calibre of South. They're good enough to play against top teams on a world stage. Wollongong, too, will get it's chance to play against the world's finest - Boca Juniors and Deportivo La Coruna, in fact.

That's when the Wolves follow in South's footsteps and head to the World Club Championship in July. You see, South and the Wolves have a lot in common. They both play enterprising football, have good support, are aiming for the grand final and in a few months time both would have competed at the prestigious WCC.

It all adds up to a very exciting finals series, starting tonight. The last time South Melbourne visited Wollongong its goal-mouth was bombarded for 90 minutes, although South came away with a 1-0 victory. A Wollongong fan would say their team was all over the opposition, while a South fan would say their defence held firm once they'd taken their own chance in front of goal. That, in itself, is a fair assessment.

Once again, tonight we see an attacking team (Wollongong) go head to head with a team which is more than capable of holding a lead once it gets it (South). The likes of Michael Petkovic, Fautso De Amicis, Paul Trimboli, Con Boutsianis, Simon Colosimo and Vaughan Coveny are all class for South.

Coveny, a former Wolf, will pose a big threat to Wollongong. He's developed into an exciting forward, setting the crowd alight with his fast runs and explosive right foot shot. South can mix it in attack as well as holding a tight defence.

By Nathan Simpson.

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ron's page

COACH

Make no mistake - we'll be going into both the home and away legs of the major semi-final in an attacking frame of mind. That's what we do best, play attacking football.

And there's no way we'll be changing anything for South Melbourne. It's shaping up to being a cracker of a series and we'll be trying to win both here and in Melbourne.

The ball didn't bounce our way in the recent 1-0 loss to South Melbourne. But with a little luck things should come our way tonight, like they did in our 6-2 win over Adelaide Force a fortnight ago.

I'd also like to take this chance to congratulate the boys on the way they played against the Force, as by finishing in second spot it gives us a double chance to reach the grand final.

The team has really done us proud this season with their achievements. As I mention earlier, we'll be giving the major semi-final series our best shot.

We'll be attacking and fighting to claim that early grand final spot. I urge everyone to get behind the team tonight. Cheer them onto victory.

And if you can, get down to Melbourne where we hope to be celebrating another grand final berth.

***Player of the Round** (Round 30) - Scott Chipperfield*

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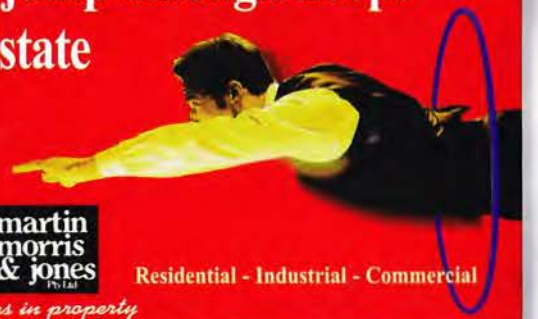

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matt's page

CAPTAIN

What a turn around! That's what people were saying after our grand final win last season when we came from behind to beat Perth. And that's what the same people we saying when we snatched second spot on the ladder with two very impressive victories in our last two games. I must admit, it did look unlikely that we could do it especially when we were in third spot having just lost to the Football Kingz almost a month ago. We felt we gave that game away and ultimately, gave up the chance to be in the major semi-final.

But Perth slipped up, not achieving the results they wanted and bang ... we jumped into second spot! If ever we needed a confidence-booster going into the semi-finals, that was it. We're on fire, we really are and have looked forward to meeting South Melbourne again for the past fortnight. Last season we had to play away from home to compete in a grand final. This season we want to host the grand final. And here's our chance.

Our strike-force of Saso Petrovski, Stuart Young and Scott Chipperfield are again looking to get among the goals. I'm also someone who loves the chance to push forward and although we'll miss Robbie Middleby, who is out through suspension, it won't stop us from attacking the South Melbourne goal. The boys have commented on numerous occasions recently that they can really hear the support when you, the supporters, get behind them and cheer them onto victory. So, how do we beat South Melbourne? It's a combination of playing well and good crowd support. Go you Wolves!

Matt Horsley #6

***Player of the Round** (Round 30) - Scott Chipperfield*

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chairman's page

JOE CACHIA

While it's pleasing to see the boys going so well, I'd also like to congratulate the youth team. They've had a wonderful season and should be congratulated by all.

They improved remarkably from last season, under the guidance of coach Eddie Tesoro, but just missed out on the semi-finals. I would have liked to had seen them in the finals as I reckon the would have given it a huge shake. But it wasn't to be.

Well done to the boys though. They showed a lot of strength and character to get as far as they did and all looks well for next season. Once again, well done to the boys, Eddie Tesoro and the youth team management.

I'm sure the youths will continue to learn more about the game, especially having watched the senior team this season. Tonight we face the might of South Melbourne.

They are no easy task to beat but I feel we have the upper hand tonight, having just come off a big win and the chance to get a good score before we head to Melbourne for the return leg next week.

We have made it clear we will be playing attacking football. Who knows, maybe we can score a few goals tonight which would be handy for the second leg.

All the best boys and let's cheer them onto yet another grand final!

Youth Man of the Match (Round 30) - Mandil i Barletta

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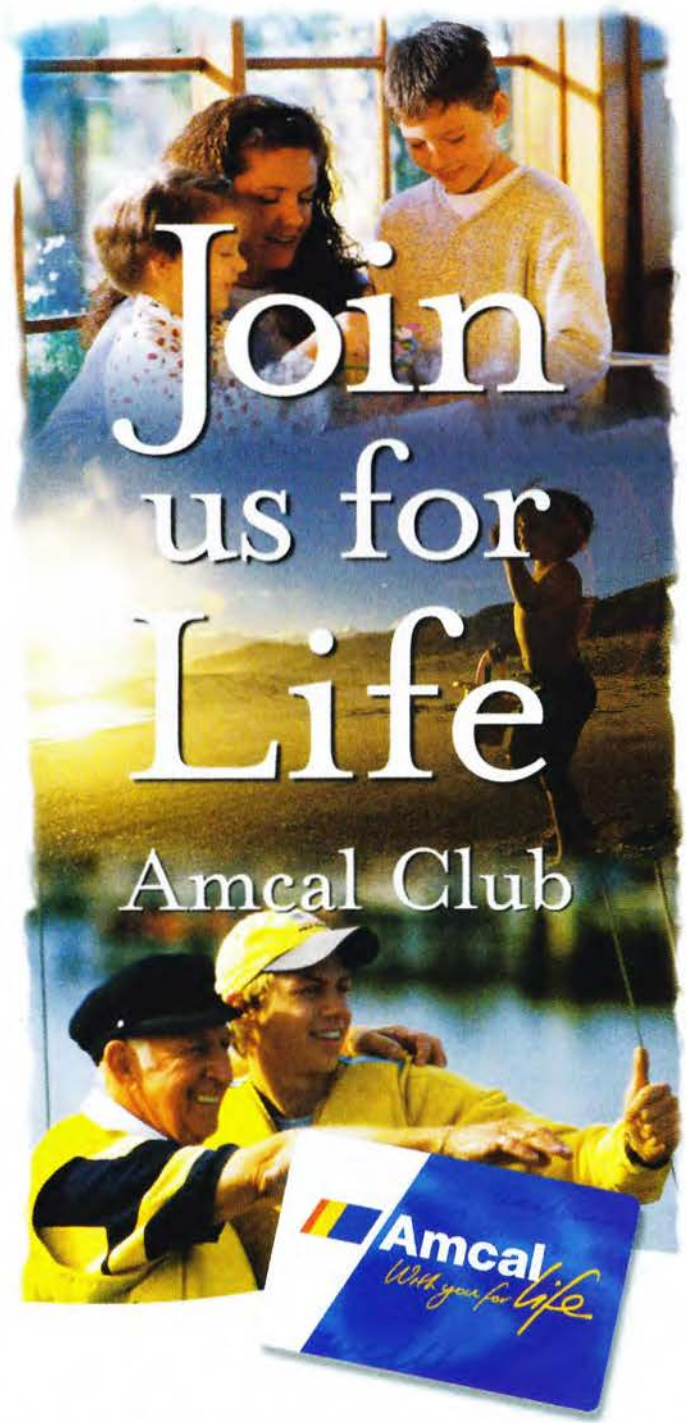

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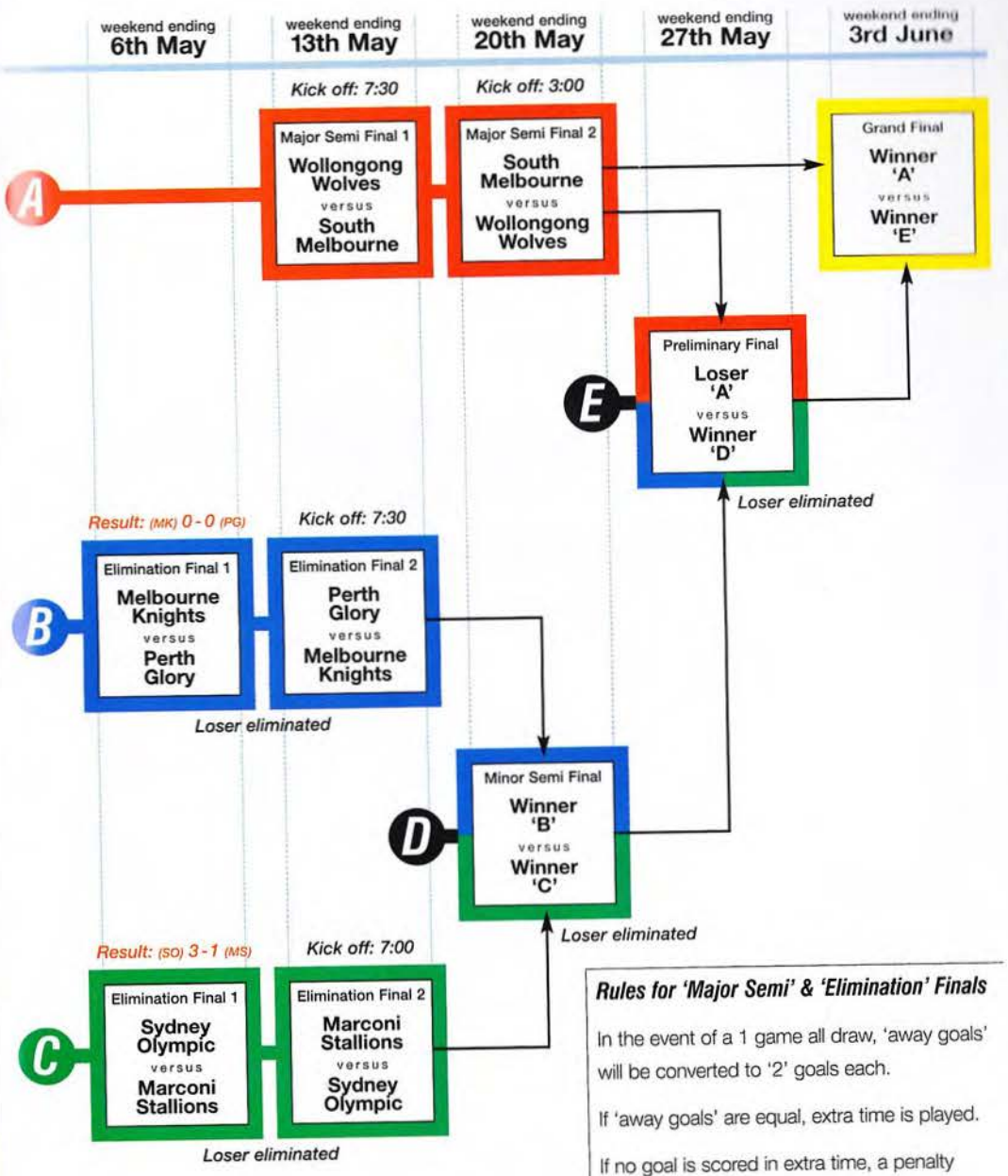

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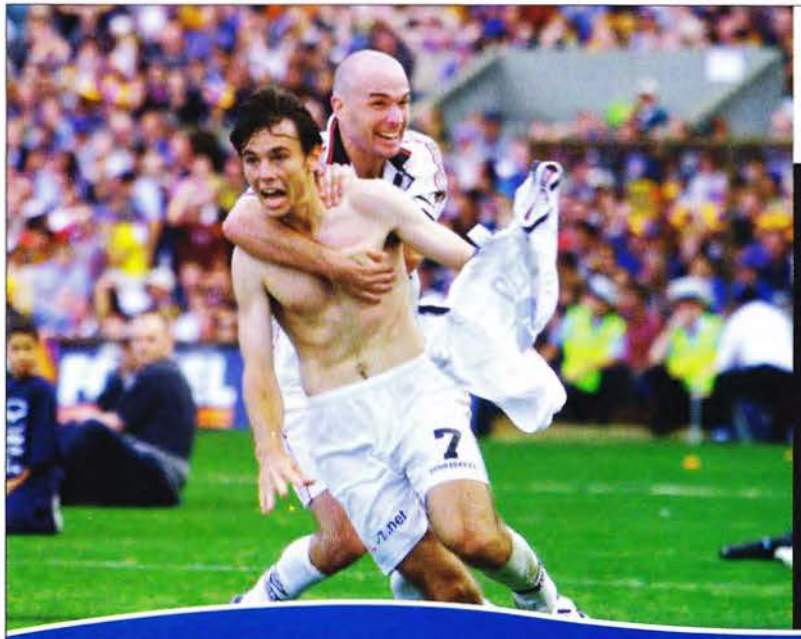

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Well done, and good luck to the Wollongong Wolves for the finals from all at the WEC!

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2000-2001 SEASON

NATIONAL SOCCER LEAGUE POINTS TABLE (AFTER ROUND 30)

Team	played	wins	draws	losses	bye	for	against	points
South Melbourne	30	19	6	3	2	70	24	69
Wollongong Wolves	30	16	7	5	2	80	40	61
Perth Glory	30	16	7	5	2	73	33	61
Sydney Olympic	30	15	6	7	2	58	37	57
Marconi Stallions	30	12	8	8	2	42	33	50
Melbourne Knights	30	12	7	9	2	61	46	49
Adelaide City Force	30	10	7	11	2	54	54	43
Football Kingz	30	10	7	11	2	52	52	43
Parramatta Power	30	11	3	14	2	42	44	42
Sydney United	30	10	6	12	2	46	56	42
Canberra Cosmos	30	9	4	15	2	49	55	37
Brisbane Strikers	30	7	8	13	2	52	56	35
Northern Spirit	30	6	8	14	2	39	50	32
Newcastle United	30	5	9	14	2	37	56	30
Eastern Pride	30	3	5	20	2	32	61	0*

* All points deducted due to breach of NSL Regulations - subject to appeal

Other matches this round *(home team listed first);*

Perth Glory vs Melbourne Knights

Marconi Stallions vs Sydney Olympic

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Round	Date	Day	Against	Time	Venue	Score
1	**14/10/00**	**Saturday**	**Perth Glory**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**1-1**
2	22/10/00	Sunday	Carlton SC	3.00pm	Bob Jane Stadium	2-2
3	**28/10/00**	**Saturday**	**Marconi Stallions**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**1-0**
4	5/11/00	Sunday	Melbourne Knights	6.00pm	Knights Stadium	2-1
5	**11/11/00**	**Saturday**	**Brisbane Strikers**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-1**
6	19/11/00	Sunday	Parramatta Power	4.00pm	Parramatta Stadium	2-0
7	**24/11/00**	**Friday**	**Canberra Cosmos**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-3**
8	1/12/00	Friday	Newcastle United	7.30pm	Marathon Stadium	3-1
9	10/12/00	Sunday	South Melbourne	5.00pm	Bob Jane Stadium	2-4
10	**16/12/00**	**Saturday**	**Sydney United**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-0**
11	23/12/00	Saturday	Sydney Olympic	6.30pm	Belmore Sports Ground	2-2
12	**29/12/00**	**Friday**	**Eastern Pride**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**4-2**
13	**5/1/01**	**Friday**	**Kingz FC**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**1-1**
16	27/1/01	Saturday	Perth Glory	7.00pm	Perth Oval	1-1
17	*Cancelled due to the withdrawal of Carlton from the National Soccer League*					
18	10/2/01	Saturday	Marconi Stallions	7.00pm	Marconi Stadium	3-1
19	**17/2/01**	**Saturday**	**Melbourne Knights**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**5-2**
20	23/2/01	Friday	Brisbane Strikers	7.30pm	Ballymore	4-2
14	**27/2/01**	**Tuesday**	**Northern Spirit**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**2-2**
21	**2/3/01**	**Friday**	**Parramatta Power**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**5-1**
22	10/3/01	Saturday	Canberra Cosmos	6.30pm	Bruce Stadium	1-2
23	**16/3/01**	**Friday**	**Newcastle United**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**9-4**
24	**23/3/01**	**Friday**	**South Melbourne**	**7.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**0-1**
15	25/3/01	Sunday	Adelaide City Force	8.00pm	Hindmarsh Stadium	1-1
25	1/4/01	Sunday	Sydney United	3.00pm	Sydney United Sports Centre	1-1
26	**7/4/01**	**Saturday**	**Sydney Olympic**	**6.30pm**	**Win Stadium**	**3-1**
27	14/4/01	Saturday	Eastern Pride	7.00pm	Mobil Park	3-0
28	20/4/01	Friday	Kingz FC	7.30pm	Ericsson Stadium	2-3
29	25/4/01	Wednesday	Northern Spirit	7.30pm	North Sydeny Oval	4-0
30	**29/4/01**	**Sunday**	**Adelaide City Force**	**3.00pm**	**Win Stadium**	**6-2**

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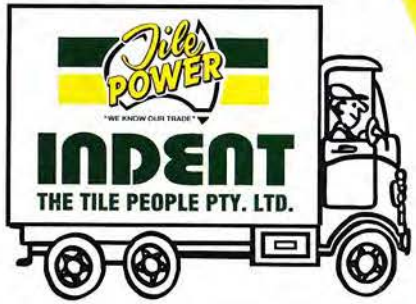

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APRIL 29

Wollongong Wolves	**6**	**Goals by:** S. Chipperfield 11', 51', 70', 77', R. Stanton 28', S. Petrovski 83'
Adelaide City Force	**2**	**Goals by:** S. Tunbridge 45', C. Pelosi 89'
Venue: WIN Stadium		**Referee:** Eddie Lennie **Crowd:** 6,128
Canberra Cosmos	**0**	
Perth Glory	**3**	**Goals by:** S. Miller 19', B. Maloney 21', A. Edwards 54'
Venue: Bruce Stadium		**Referee:** Con Diomis **Crowd:** 4,660
South Melbourne	**6**	**Goals by:** M. Cunico (own) 56', A. Vlahos 29', C. Boutsianis 45', 48', 50', 58'
Northern Spirit	**2**	**Goals by:** A. Moreira 10', B. Burgess 14'
Venue: Bob Jane Stadium		**Referee:** Matthew Breeze **Crowd:** 5,803
Melbourne Knights	**6**	**Goals by:** C. Zoricich (own) 35', J. Porter 2', 42', L. Lapsansky 10', A. Cervinski 29', 75'
Newcastle United	**4**	**Goals by:** V. Trpcevski 41', M. Johnson 59', D. McBreen 65', A. Harper 78'
Venue: Knights Stadium		**Referee:** Gerry Connolly **Crowd:** 4,160
Sydney United	**2**	**Goals by:** A. Asanovic 37', C. Menapi 46'
Football Kingz	**4**	**Goals by:** D. Ibrahim 5', 15', 20', J. Perry 46'
Venue: Sydney United Sport Centre		**Referee:** Mark Shield **Crowd:** 5,450
Brisbane Strikers	**1**	**Goals by:** P. Buljan 8'
Marconi Stallions	**2**	**Goals by:** K. Trajanovski 22', G. Last 43'
Venue: Ballymore		**Referee:** Brett Hugo **Crowd:** 1,656
Sydney Olympic	**3**	**Awarded due to Eastern Prides breach of NSL Regulations**
Eastern Pride	**0**	
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1	Daniel Beltrame
2	George Souris
3	Alvin Ceccoli
4	Robert Stanton
5	David Cervinski
6	Matthew Horsley
7	Paul Reid
8	Max Nicholson
9	Saso Petrovski
10	Stuart Young
11	Scott Chipperfield
12	Paul Harries
13	George Nohra
14	Jay Lucas
15	David Huxley
16	Beren Sullivan
17	Ben Blake
18	Paul O'Grady
19	Steven Dimitrievski
20	Grant Barlow
22	Steve Angelov
23	Dino Mennillo
26	Dean Anastasiadis
27	Robbie Middleby

South Melbourne

1	Michael Petkovic
2	Steve Iosifidis
3	Fausto De Amicis
4	Mehmet Durakovic
5	Robert Liparoti
6	David Clarkson
7	Steve Panopoulos
8	Vaughan Coveny
9	Paul Trimboli
10	Con Boutsianis
11	John Anastasiadis
12	Richie Alagich
13	Andy Vlahos
14	Vas Kalogeracos
15	Goran Lozanovski
16	Zeljko Susa
17	Rade Culibrk
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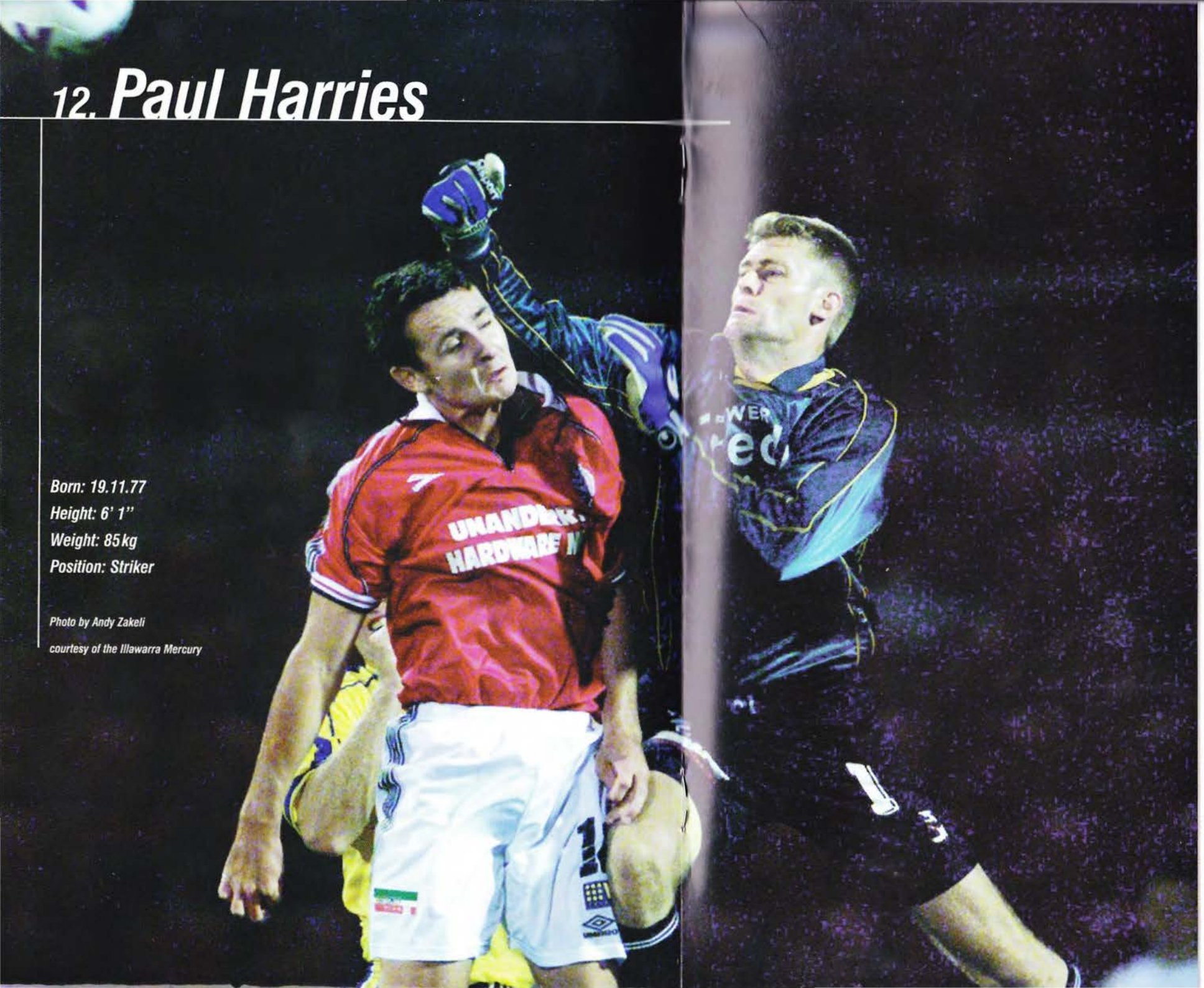

Born: 19.11.77
Height: 6' 1"
Weight: 85 kg
Position: Striker

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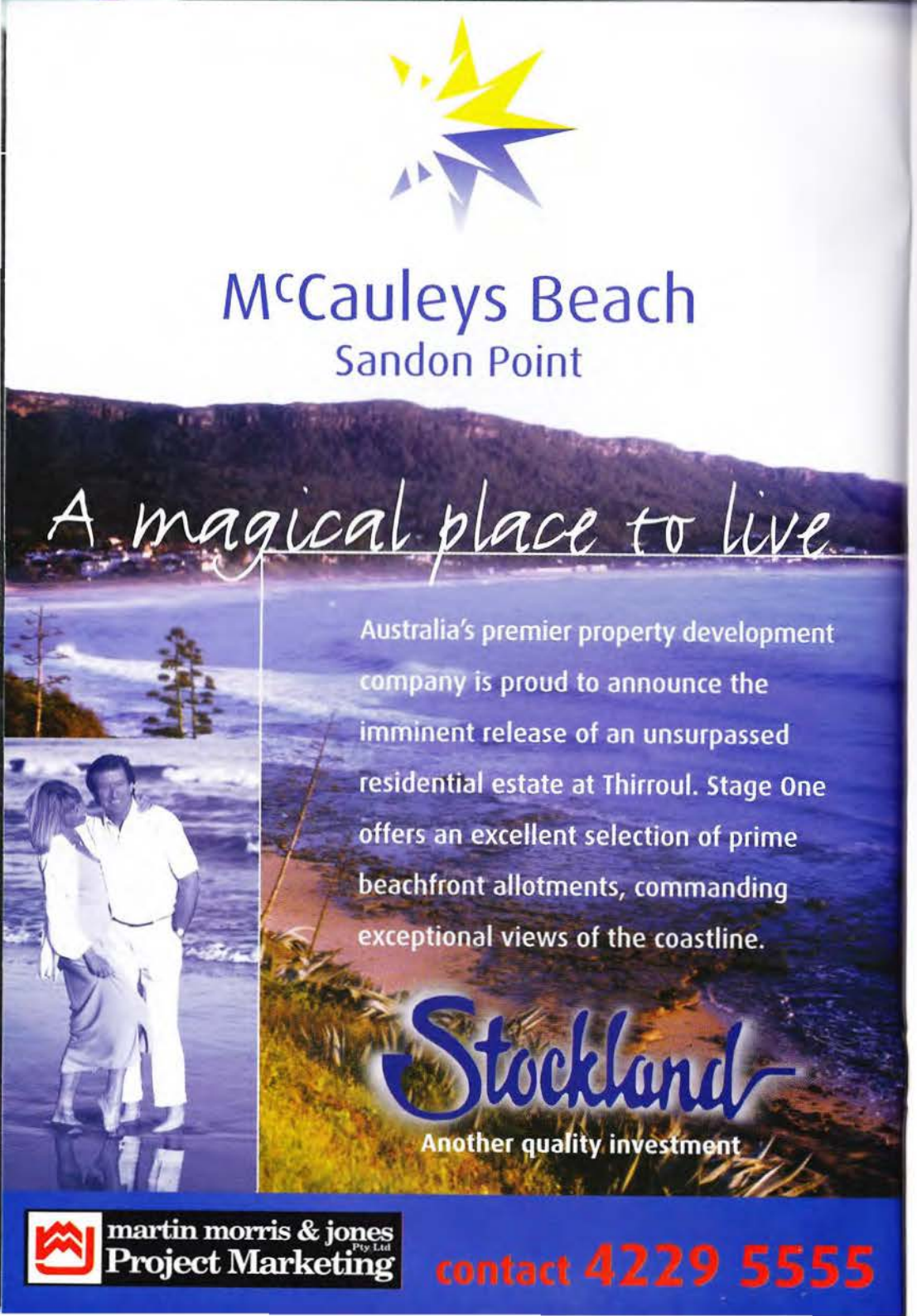

the wolves season

2000 - 2001

Date	Opponents	F-A	Att.	1 Daniel Beltrame	2 George Souris	3 Alvin Ceccoli	4 Robert Stanton	5 David Cervinski	6 Matthew Horsley	7 Paul Reid	8 Max Nicholson	9 Saso Petrovski	10 Stuart Young	11 Scott Chipperfield	12 Paul Harries	13 George Nohra	14 Jay Lucas	15 David Huxley	17 Ben Blake	18 Paul O'Grady	19 Steven Dimitrievski	20 Grant Barlow	21 Frank Barila	23 Dino Mennillo	26 Dean Anastasiadis	27 Robbie Middleby
14/10	Perth Glory •	1-1	5,443	▶	▶			▶	▶	▶		▶	▶ 1	▶				▼	▶					▼		
20/10	Carlton	2-2	1,446	▶	▶		▶ 1	▶	▶	▶		▼	▶	▼ 1			▶	▶	▶					▼		
28/10	Marconi Stallions •	1-0	4,011	▶	▶				▶ 1			▼	▶	▼			▶	▶	▶					▶		
3/11	Melbourne Knights	2-1	4,863	▶	▼		▶	▶	▶ 1	▶ 1		▶	▶	▶		▶		▶	▶					▼		
11/11	Brisbane Strikers •	2-1	4,075	▶	▶		▶	▶	▶	▶		▶	▶ 2	▼		▶		▶	▶					▶		
19/11	Parramatta Power	2-0	4,138		▶		▶	▶	▼	▶ 1		▶ 1	▶	▼		▶		▶	▶			▶		▼		
24/11	Canberra Cosmos •	2-3	3,876		▶		▶	▼	▶	▶		▼ 1	▶			▶		▶ 1	▶	▶		▶	▶			
1/12	Newcastle United	3-1	8,257		▶	▶	▶ 2	▶	▶	▶			▶	▶ 1				▶	▶		▶	▶				
10/12	South Melbourne	2-4	7,589		▶	▼	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1		▶	▶	▶ 1				▶	▶			▶		▶		
16/12	Sydney United •	2-0	3,339		▶	▶ 1		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1	▶	▼				▶	▶	▶		▶		▶		
23/12	Sydney Olympic	2-2	4,263		▶	▼		▶	▶	▶		▶	▶ 1	▶ 1				▼	▶			▶		▶		▶
29/12	Eastern Pride •	4-2	4,107			▶		▶	▶	▶ 1	▶	▶	▶	▶ 3				▶	▶	▶		▶		▶		▶
5/1	Kingz FC •	1-1	4,077		▶	▶		▶	▶	▶		▶	▶ 1					▶	▶			▶		▼		▶
2/1	Perth Glory	1-1	16,019		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1	▼		▶	▼	▶	▼		▶	▶	▶	▶		▶				▶
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17/2	Melbourne Knights •	5-2	5,459		▶	▶	▶	▶	▼	▶		▶ 2	▶ 2	▶ 1				▶	▶			▶			▶	▶
23/2	Brisbane Strikers	4-2	2,457		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1		▶ 1	▶ 1	▶ 1				▶	▶			▶			▶	▶
27/2	Northern Spirit •	2-2	5,575		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶			▶ 1		▶ 1		▶	▶	▶					▶	▶	▶
2/3	Parramatta Power •	5-1	4,112		▶	▶ 1	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 3			▶				▶		▶				▶	▼
10/3	Canberra Cosmos	1-2	2,593		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶		▶	▶ 1	▼					▶						▶	▶
16/3	Newcastle United •	9-4	4,777		▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1		▶ 3	▶ 2	▶ 2				▶	▶ 1			▶		▶		▶
23/3	South Melbourne •	0-1	8,485		▶	▶			▶	▶		▶		▶				▶	▶					▶	▶	▼
25/3	Adelaide City Force	1-1	3,042		▶	▶	▶		▶	▶	▶	▶			▶			▶	▶					▶	▶	▶ 1
1/4	Sydney United	1-1	4,235		▶	▶			▶	▼		▶	▶						▶ 1					▶	▶	▶
7/4	Sydney Olympic •	3-1	7,988		▶	▶	▶ 1		▶ 1		▶	▶ 1			▶			▼	▶						▶	▶
14/4	Eastern Pride	3-0	-	3 goals, and 3 points awarded due to Eastern Prides breach of NSL Regulations																						
20/4	Kingz FC	2-3	3,616		▶	▶	▶		▶	▼ 1		▶	▼	▶ 1	▶			▶	▶	▼					▶	▶
25/4	Northern Spirit	4-0	2,849	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1	▶	▶	▶ 2		▶ 1			▶	▶	▶	▶					▶	▶
29/4	Adelaide City Force •	6-2	6,128			▶	▶ 1	▶	▶	▶	▶	▶ 1		▶ 4			▶	▶	▶	▼					▶	▼

Key

- ● - Home game
- ▶ - Played
- ▼ - Yellow card
- ▼ - Red card
- ◀ - Goals
- ▲ - Substituted on
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a bit about...

PAUL REID

Paul Reid, 21, is the rock behind NSL champions Wollongong Wolves. To put it simply, he keeps getting better and better. Three seasons ago Reid was plying his trade in the youth team but in no time found himself a regular fixture in the senior squad. He is now aiming for back-to-back championships. This week Nathan Simpson caught up with our rising star.

Wollongong supporters have seen a great improvement in your game since forcing your way into the senior team a couple of seasons back. In what areas do you think you've improved?

My confidence has definitely improved. And being a centre midfielder, I've also become accustomed to having a lead role in the team ... that comes with the position. I've also improved in the goal-scoring department. I set out to reach double figures this season and to date I have scored seven. There's a few games to go and I'd really love to reach double figures.

Many Wolves supporters know Paul Reid as the man who wears the No. 7 shirt and controls the midfield. Could you tell us a bit more about yourself, outside of soccer?

I grew up in the Macarthur area and recently moved to Liverpool in Sydney. I played for numerous teams in the Macarthur region and have been playing with the Wolves since Under 15s. I studied radiography at university and graduated this year, and now work at Liverpool Hospital. I enjoy working at the hospital and playing soccer. It's been a good balance.

A highlight for many supporters was the goal you scored in the final minutes to force a 3-3 draw in last seasons grand final win over Perth. What are your memories of that goal?

Not many ... it's still a blur. I remember dispossessing Kasey Wehrman (Perth) about 40 yards from goal, then Saso Petrovski chipped the ball over the defence to me. I remember my first touch and then thinking I must get the shot on target. I did and scored. That's when everything became a blur. I was shocked and ecstatic. I look back at the photos of Matt (Horsley) and I celebrating just at that moment and still can't believe we won the grand final.

We've heard you once played alongside Leeds United's Harry Kewell. What's the story there?

Harry and I were very good friends when I was 12 and he was 11 years old. We were both in the State Primary Schools team in Year 6. He was captain and I was vice-captain. When we were 16, we used to room together at soccer camps at Parklea. I liked to concentrate on soccer and an education yet he always concentrated just on soccer. He had a brilliant left foot. He was that type of player, you always knew he was going to make it in England. I went over there to visit him a few years ago. It was good to catch up.

Any 21-year-old soccer player has big ambitions. What are your ambitions?

Yep. I have three ambitions. Firstly, I'd like to win another NSL championship ... do the double. Secondly, I'd like to play overseas, preferably in England. And finally, I like to represent my country. I think everyone would like to represent their country. I have a real desire to do that but first things first ... another championships with Wollongong.

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peep into the past

BY PHIL MURPHY

A lone trumpeter played the last post before the Wolves went in againt Parramatta-Melita in a playoff game at Brandon Park in 1993.

The trumpeter was at the ground to mark Anzac Day. He could have been there to mark the demise of the Parramatta team. Wollongong outclassed Rale Rasic's team 3-0 but it should have been a bigger margin. Under coach David Ratcliffe, the Wolves produced a power-packed performance in the home leg of the tie. The game attracted a dismal crowd of 4013 and they saw referee Eugene Brazalle produce his red card three times. First to go was Parramatta stopper Scott O'Donnell after 52 minutes. With a minute to play, Wolves striker Dale White and Parramatta stopper Adam Ciantar were able to have an early shower.

O'Donnell went after fouling Wolves midfielder Matt Horsley when he appeared to have a clear path to goal. White and Ciantar exchanged punches before they were dismissed. The home team got away to a dream start when defender Mick O'Shea scored one of his rare goals. An inswinging corner kick from Mike Smith caused problems for Parramatta and O'Shea drove the ball home from close range. Despite going close a number of times, Wollongong didn't increase their lead until the 70th minute. Midfielder Mineo Bonetig weaved his way past three defenders and unleashed a powerful drive. The ball deflected off Parramatta's Robbie Wheatley into the net. Knowing a extra goal could well make their task so much easier at Parramatta Stadium the following Wednesday night, the Wolves went for the kill against 10 men.

However, they were able to add just the one more goal and that came from former Socceroo captain Charlie Yankos. With nine minutes left, Wolves striker Grant Bard was fouled and Smith took the free kick. With the Parramatta defence packing the goalmouth, Smith elected to play the ball back to Yankos who was 30m from the goal. He unleashed a great drive which flew into the roof of the net. After the game, Rasic was critical of his team and said Wollongong won because they had the will to do so. He said the first goal was a gift and he was absolutely disgusted with the attitude of his players. Ratcliffe praised his players but thought they should have scored more goals - "O'Shea, Richard Lloyd and White did exceptionally well," the coach said.

Wheatley, who is now a TV commentator, was angry after the game. He said the second leg could be his last game. "All we have to play for in the second leg is pride," Wheatley said. As things turned out, Parramatta produced a far better performance on the Wednesday night. With the Wolves lacking commitment at times, Rasic's team won 2-1, scoring a late winner after a misunderstanding between Yankos and goalkeeper Brett Hughes. The following weekend, Wollongong played Adelaide City on the Adelaide Cricket Ground and lost 4-0.

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9 Ashley Jones	9 Jarrad Anders
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Graeme Haney
Wollongong Wolves General Manager

youth team

COACH EDDIE TESORO

Our boys had our final 2 games. Our first out to play Northern Spirit which was the important clash which could have got us to the semi-final spot. It was a dissapointing day, probably one of our worst, just when it really mattered. After 10 minutes gone, we were 3-0 down, just before the break we had an opportunity before half time to get back through a penalty and that was missed. At half time we lost Grant Barlow, and our striker Liam Austin due to an injury which summed up our day. With Steve Angelov in goals the team battled, we went down by 5-0, with Harvey Rodriguez pulling one back for the final score of 5-1. A dissapointing day.

Our final game was at WIN Stadium where the boys played the strong AIS team. The boys wanted something to prove, being our last game. Missing Liam Austin it was going to be a difficult task. The boys went ahead 1-0 through Harvey Rodriguez sending a gem of a shot from 25 metres (possibly goal of the year). AIS soon equalised 1-1, and that was the score at the break. The second half proved a great battle, with a huge improvement from our last game. We conceded a silly second goal, and a third from the corner which made it 3-1. We hit the post through Danny Aldridge and were unlucky not to equalise.

Overall a good season from the boys, who were unlucky not to make the finals. I would like to thank all our players for their commitment and efforts for the season. Congratulations to Liam Austin finishing third on the goal scorers tally, and I'd like to thank Chris Wilson for his efforts and my manager Eugene Skozen for his hard work this season. I would also like to thank all our supporters during the year, it's been great. I hope you continue your support for our senior team, who tonight play South Melbourne, I wish them all the best. Many thanks for this season, see you next season.

National Youth League 2000/2001 *Northern Division League Ladder*

Team	p	w	d	b	l	f	a	pts
A.I.S.	28	23	3	2	2	83	29	72
Marconi Stallions Youth	28	21	3	2	4	79	18	66
Northern Spirit	28	17	4	2	7	72	34	55
Parramatta Power	28	17	4	2	7	71	35	55
Newcastle United	28	15	7	2	6	66	36	52
Wollongong Wolves	**28**	**14**	**6**	**2**	**8**	**61**	**36**	**48**
Sydney Olympic	28	13	5	2	10	61	47	44
Marconi Stallions Colts	28	13	2	2	13	59	52	41
OAS	28	12	1	2	15	44	65	37
Canberra Cosmos	28	11	3	2	14	53	58	36
N.S.W.I.S.	28	10	3	2	15	36	62	33
Sydney United	28	10	2	2	16	48	55	32
Sydney Olympic Academy	28	4	6	2	18	43	79	18
ACT Academy	28	2	3	2	23	21	106	9
Newcastle United Colts	28	2	0	2	26	13	92	6

Team Squad

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Mandil i Barletta
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Speedstar Robbie Middleby may have seen red a fortnight ago when he received his marching orders from referee Eddie Lennie, but he's also seen plenty of pink in the past month too. An inside source, whose initials go by SY, reveals Robbie has worn the famous pink jersey to training for four consecutive weeks. The jersey is famous because it's worn by a player at training who has done something dumb either on or off the football field that week. Surely someone can take the jersey off poor Robbie!

Stuart Young, who admits he had nothing to do with revealing the story about Robbie and that pink jersey, is set to return the to team tonight. The striker has missed the past two games and is eager to get among the goals in the finals. He said the boys had been doing well without him: "Mmmm... well, we've scored 10 goals in our past two games. But I still think they've missed me up front!".

Striker Scott Chipperfield knows how to celebrate. His amazing four-goal haul in the 6-2 win over Adelaide took him to 50 NSL goals with Wollongong Wolves. He's scored 17 goals so far this season and is on course to win back-to-back NSL Player of the Year Awards. Meantime, Chippers is aiming to be a part of the Socceroo squad for the Confederations Cup in Korea from May 30 to June 10. The Socceroos meet Korea, Mexico and world champion France in Group A matches.

Midfielder David Huxley has re-signed with the club for the 2002-03 season.

Congratulations to the Wollongong Hawks on winning the National Basketball League crown. That's two major sporting titles for Wollongong. Coach Brendan Joyce told us he showed the Wolves grand final video to his players for inspiration. How could he lose!

The average crowd attendance for NSL matches this season was 5,108 - that's the third highest since 1977.

Don't forget the Wollongong Wolves presentation night at the Fraternity Bowling and Recreation Club on June 8. Tickets include food and drinks at $60.00 per head. Contact 4226 3988.

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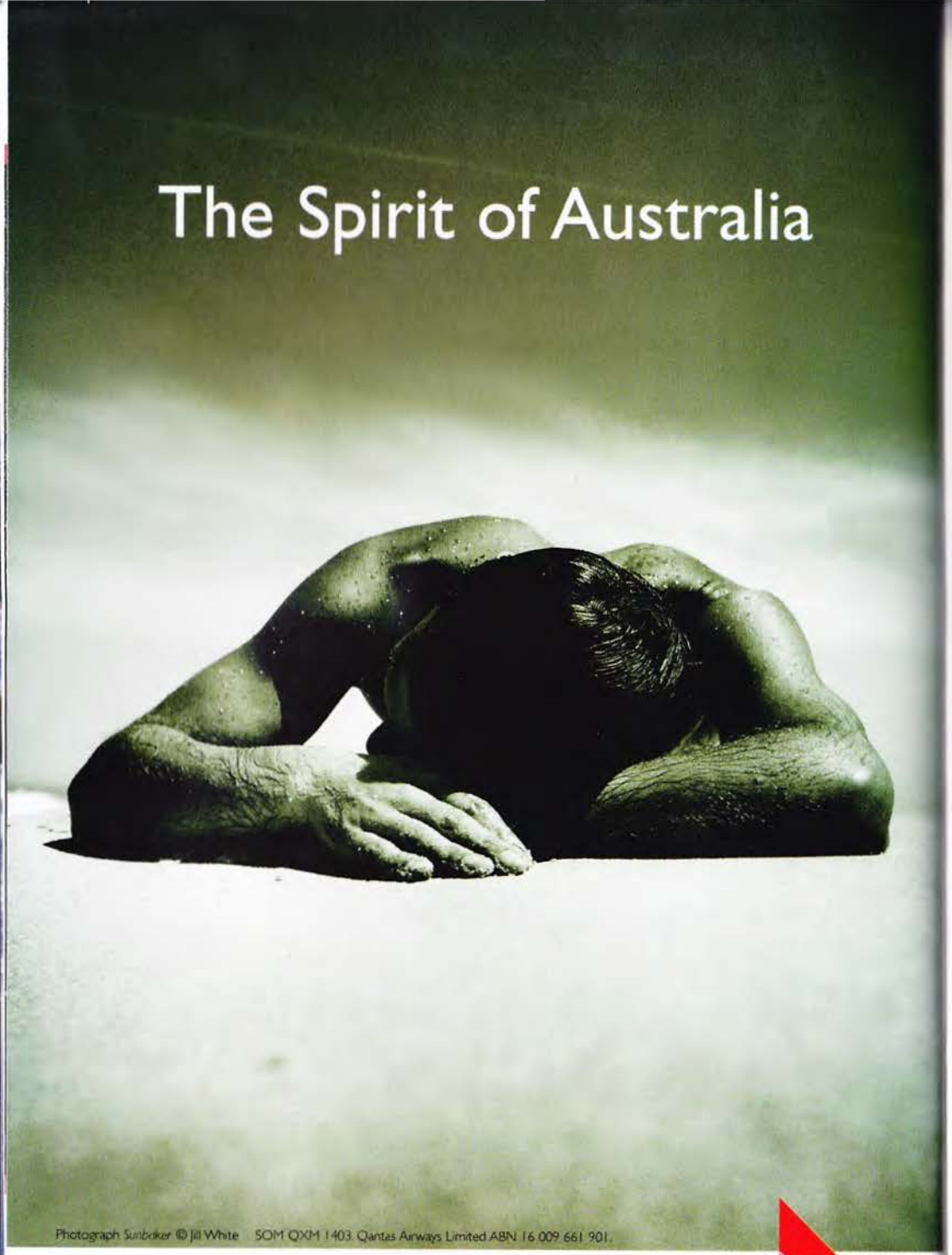

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Remember David Green?

He was captain of the Wolves in the 1980s and achieved great success, including a minor premiership medal.

But it was as a 21-year-old in 1984 when Green found his niche.

Coach Adrian Alston, who now holds the top job at premier league club Port Kembla, told Green he'd like to see him switch him from midfield to defence. It proved a winner.

When asked about the change (June 8, 1984) Green said: "I thought he (Alston) had me mixed up with someone else. Wollongong want me to play fullback so I am happy to play there and be in the first team."

Green later became one of the finest right-fullbacks to grace a Wolves shirt.

When we talk about Matt Horsley and Scott Chipperfield as successful local products, we also also mention David Green. He too, is a fine local product, having helped Figtree win three premier league grand finals before joining the Wolves at 20.

MEET THE WOLVES with PHIL MURPHY

David Green thought he was imagining things when Wolves coach Adrian Alston told him to play fullback.

"I thought he had me mixed up with someone else," Green said yesterday when he spoke of his new role.

The youngster played on the wing or in midfield previously and had never seen himself as a defender.

It certainly wasn't a case of mistaken identity on Alston's part and the decision could have a big bearing on Green's future.

He has slotted into the right fullback position as if he has been playing there for years.

At just 21 he must have a big chance of gaining representative honors when he learns a bit more about his new "craft."

Green started playing with Figtree before he was five and stayed with the club to help them win three premier league grand finals.

He represented Illawarra as a junior and later made the senior squad which played against ACT in Canberra two years ago.

After joining the Wolves' youth squad on a dual registration last season, Green was selected to make his first team debut at home to Heidelberg.

"I remember being very nervous before the game but I don't remember the score," Green said.

Also a keen surfer, Green would still prefer to play on the right wing if given the choice.

● DAVID GREEN

"It is probably because I am so used to playing there and there is also the added attraction of getting the odd goal," he said.

"Wollongong want me to play fullback so I am happy to play there and be in the first team."

Green's ambition now is to stay in the Wollongong team and hope one day he can play for Australia.

"I'm no different from any other player in the national league — I want to wear the green and gold if I can improve my game enough," he said.

His immediate problem is to get fit again after injuring an ankle in last month's cup tie against St George.

He hasn't kicked a ball since but is doing a lot of running and is confident of playing in Sunday week's Fraternity Cup game against Fairy Meadow.

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where's wollongong?

BY NATHAN SIMPSON

I'll always remember those clueless announcers from a Perth radio station who didn't know the geographical location of Wollongong.

It was a Tuesday - two days after Wollongong Wolves had beaten Perth Glory in the NSL grand final in Perth - and I had just returned to work at the Wollongong Advertiser.

The announcers asked if I'd comment on the city's reaction to winning the title. "Sure" I replied. However their first question, live on air, left me bemused.

"So, tell us, where is Wollongong located... it's within Dapto isn't it?". I was shocked.

That was 10 months ago, and I can now comfortably sit back knowing that just about everybody in Perth would know the exact location of Wollongong. They would have to ... we've beaten them in sport so many times!

We beat them in the NSL grand final in 2000. We beat them in the National Basketball League semi-finals in Perth and Wollongong, later going onto win the NBL crown.

And we've done it again - leapfrogging Perth into second place on the NSL ladder and relegating them to a minor semi-final berth. I'm sure no one in Perth likes Wollongong. But that's fine with us. We're better than them at sport anyway.

Luckily for South Melbourne, they know all about Wollongong. In fact, Wollongong could be dubbed the sporting capital of NSW.

While other areas have long been the breeding ground for some of the country's finest athletes, the South Coast is quickly taking over as the region for sporting excellence in the State.

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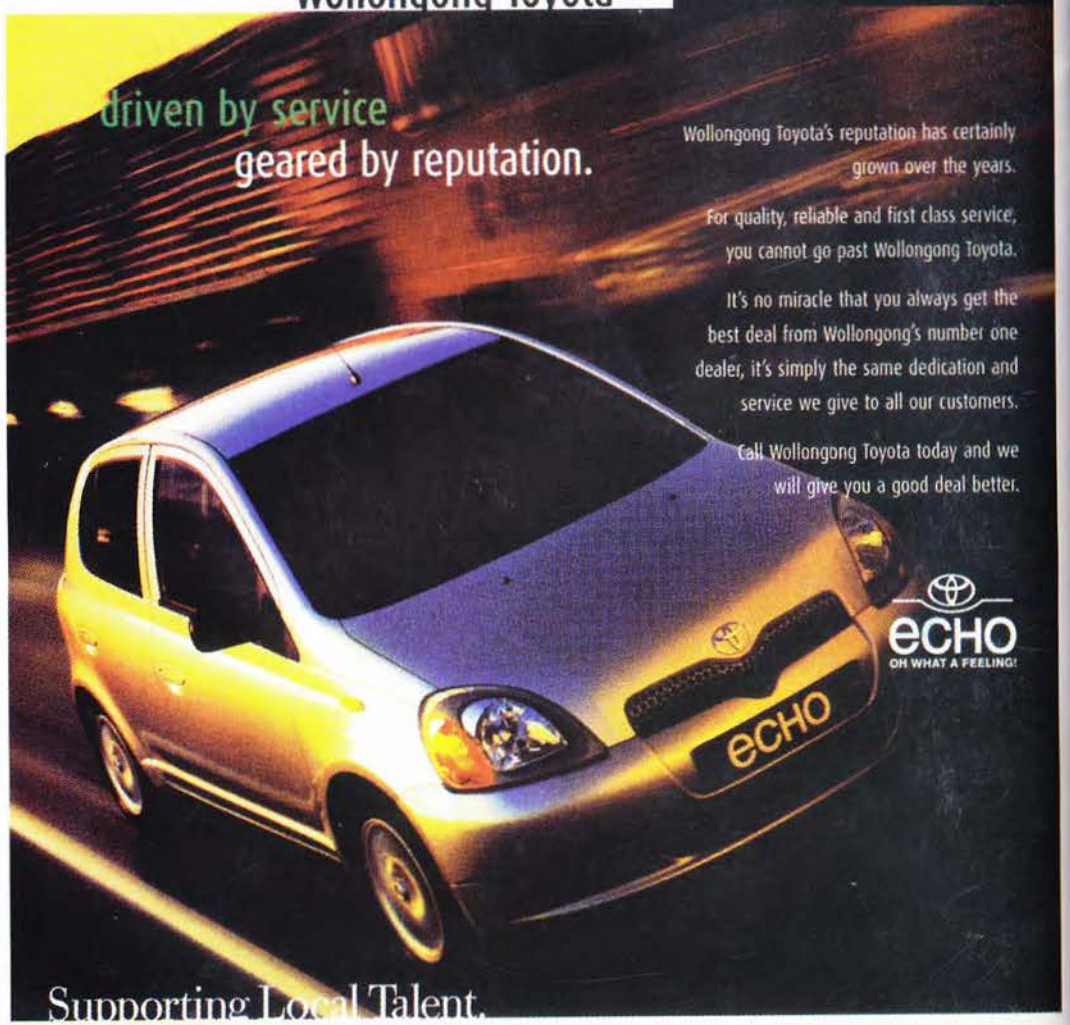

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